GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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REIMBURSEMENT FROM EUROPEAN UNION
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked for reimbursement of around Rs. 4000 crore from the European Union, which was charged under the anti-dumping duties and which has been termed as illegal under the WTO agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the items on which European Union imposed Anti-Dumping Duties and which have been termed illegal under the WTO agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) : At India`s request the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) had established a Panel ir the dispute regarding imposition by European Communities of final anti-dumping duties on imports of cotton-type bed linen from India. The Panel as well as the Appellate Body have concluded that the European Communities did not act consistently with its obligations under certain provisions of the Agreement on Anti-dumping and have recommended that the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) request the European Communities to bring its measures into conformity with its obligations under the Anti-dumping Agreement. The reports of the Panel and that of the Appellate Body were subsequently adopted by the DSB.

In the meeting of the DSB held on 5th April, 2001, EC has expressed its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of DSB. India, in its statement made in the above meeting of DSB, has emphasized that it expects EC to revoke the anti-dumping duties in force and to refund the duties already collected.